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1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDERS IN SANTA ANA ON JULY 24 OF TEN CIRCUS WORKERS, INCLUDING TWO CLOWNS, WAS CLAIMED JULY 29 BY AN ANONYMOUS SPOKESMAN FOR THE "MAXIMILIANO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ" BRIGADE SQUADRON (UNIT DESIGNATION APPEARS CHANGEABLE) SEE REFTEL. MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PRESS WERE INFORMED VIA TELEPHONE THAT THE SQUADRON HAD BEEN OBSERVING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VICTIMS FOR SOME TIME. THE SOURCE SAID THAT AFTER THEIR CAPTURE THEY WERE GIVEN A SUMMARY TRIAL AND EXECUTED AFTER CONFESSING THEIR ALLED CRIMES. ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, ALL TEN EMPLOYEES WERE DRUG TRAFFICKERS USING THEIR WORK IN THE CIRCUS AS A FACADE " IN ORDER TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO A DIRTY LIFE, DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR YOUTH".

2. THE SQUADRON SPOKESMAN WAS REPORTED INDIGNAT AT THE SUGGESTION REPORTED IN THE SAN SALVADOR DAILIES, THAT THE MURDERED PARTIES HAD BEEN ROBBED. HE STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT THE ROBBERY WAS NOT PERMITTED BY THE GROUP'S PHILOSOPHY, AND THAT THEIR PRESENT PURPOSE WAS TO ELIMINATE A RASH OF DELINQUENCY THAT THE GOVERMENT WAS UNWILLING TO CONTROL.
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